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Nice work with Reading, Lisa!

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WATER PROTECTION DIVISION SALIENT ISSUES
For the week ending February 14, 2014





The City of Reading Pays a \$150,000 Stipulated Penalty for Sanitary Sewer Overflows - The City of Reading, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP), Region III and the Department of Justice (DOJ) entered a Consent Decree in November, 2005. The Decree required the City to conduct numerous activities to eliminate violations of their National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit and upgrade aging infrastructure. The City missed milestones including GIS mapping of the collection system and construction of upgraded facilities. The first Evaluation of Treatment Alternatives was approved in 2006 with a construction completion date in 2012. Subsequently, the City revised its selected alternative to consider biochemical nutrient removal and a longer construction schedule with a construction completion date of February 28, 2018. In 2010, the City petitioned the state for Act 47 (financially distressed municipality status) and conducted an affordability analysis for Waste Water Treatment Plant upgrades. In August of 2011, the City experienced a catastrophic failure of a 42 inch force main, which resulted in over 60 million gallons of raw sewage discharging to the Schuylkill River. An emergency repair was completed and a new permanent force main was constructed.

A stipulated penalty demand letter was sent on January 14, 2014 for stipulated penalties of \$150,000 for the 2011 raw sewage overflows to the Schuylkill River. The City has paid the

stipulated penalty, the Consent Decree calls for a 50/50-federal/state split of stipulated penalties. EPA and DOJ, PADEP, and the City of Reading have negotiated a Consent Decree Modification to reflect the changes to the construction schedule. EPA anticipates the City will sign the modification this month.

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UPCOMING TRAININGS, EVENTS, WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES

February 20 Watershed Resources Registry Best Practice webinar

2:00 p.m. https://epa.connectsolutions.com/bestpractices/

1-866-299-3188; conference code – 202-564-0572

Ralph Spagnolo, 215-814-2718; Brittany Smith, 215-814-5776 Next in the Faster, Cheaper, Greener Webcast series

February 25 Stormwater Management Incentives and Public Private Partnerships in Philadelphia: Driving Affordable, Green Stormwater Infrastructure Retrofits on Private Properties Featuring Howard Neukrug, Commissioner, Philadelphia Water Department

Dominique Lueckenhoff, 215-814-5810; Denise Rigney, 215-814-2726

March 11-12 State Revolving Fund 101 Training for New State Employees

regional office, Chesapeake Room

Magdalene Cunningham, 215-814-2338

Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement Public Comment Period

March 17 ends on March 17, 2014

www.chesapeakebay.net/watershedagreement

Carin Bisland, 410-267-5732

National NPDES Inspector Training Course

March 24-28 hosted by Region III

Baltimore, Maryland

Michelle Price-Fay, 215-814-3397

April 8-9 State Revolving Fund All-States Meeting

regional office, Room TBA

Magdalene Cunningham, 215-814-2338

April 10-11 23rd Annual Industrial Pretreatment Conference

Wyomissing, PA

John Lovell, 215-814-5790; Steve Copeland, 215-814-5792 National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

April 26 For more information:

http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/

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"Rain Gardens in the Winter"

by Sue McDowell

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